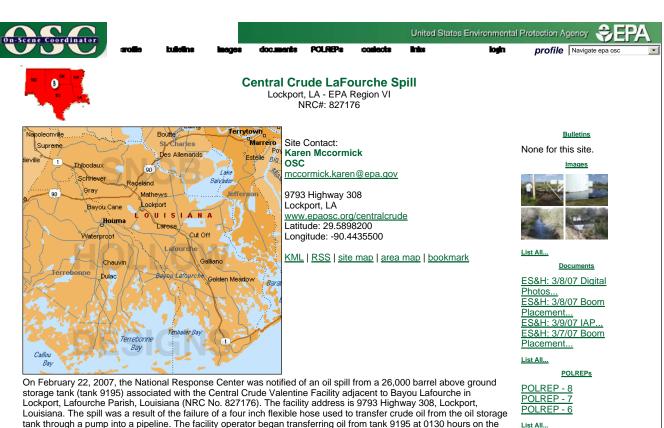
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On February 22, 2007, the National Response Center was notified of an oil spill from a 26,000 barrel above ground storage tank (tank 9195) associated with the Central Crude Valentine Facility adjacent to Bayou Lafourche in Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana (NRC No. 827176). The facility address is 9793 Highway 308, Lockport, Louisiana. The spill was a result of the failure of a four inch flexible hose used to transfer crude oil from the oil storage tank through a pump into a pipeline. The facility operator began transferring oil from tank 9195 at 0130 hours on the morning of 22 February, 2007. The operator discovered spilled oil in tank 9195 secondary containment at 0530 on the same day. Oil from tank 9195 seeped from its secondary containment, into an adjacent tank's secondary containment through a storm water drainage valve. The oil then traveled to the secondary containment storm water discharge valve. The valve was closed, however; the soil surrounding the piping and valve leading from the interior of the secondary containment to an adjacent canal had eroded. This provided the oil a pathway from the secondary containment into the canal. The canal is approximatley 400 feet long, and from the entrance of the drainage piping, it flows approximatley 150 feet south into Bayou Lafourche. Oil from the facility entered Bayou Lafourche, a tidally influenced, navigable waterway of the United States. The operator terminated transfer of oil through the failed hose and notified the facility manager who activated the facility's response contractor, Environmental Safety and Health, Inc. (ES&H). The operator closed the valve between the secondary containment units, and placed onsite boom across the canal mouth in an attempt to prevent additional oil from reaching the bayou. The facility operator estimates that approximately 1,800 barrels (bbls) of crude oil was discharged through the broken hose, of which 1,600 bbls remained within the secondary containment units, 100 bbls was contained within the canal, and 100 bbls e

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